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## PROCEEDINGS OF MAY TERM OF COURT

The Usual Grind of Unimportant Cases on Trial.

## MURDER TRIAL NOT CALLED

Case Has Not Been Heard by Grand Jury—No Witnesses in Attendance at Court—Prosecution of From May Be Dropped.

## MURDER CASE NOT CALLED.

Wednesday evening when court adjourned the trial of Jacob From, charged with the murder of Josiah Dale, at Centre Hall, had not been called. In fact none of the witnesses in the case were notified to be in attendance at court, nor had the case even been before the grand jury, up to that time. The presumption is, that the commonwealth is not prepared to go to trial now, or that they do not desire to press the charge any further, owing to important information gained recently.

Many rumors are afloat regarding this case, to which no attention should be paid, as the officials are not giving out any information. From present indications it is our opinion that the case will not be called at this session, and the prosecution of Mr. From may be dropped entirely.

Reported by S. D. Getzler.

May sessions of Court convened on Monday morning at ten o'clock. A large portion of time was taken up by the several members of the bar presenting motions and petitions. The civil list of cases was gone over and the following disposed of:

Mifflinburg Buggy Company vs. David Bailey, continued—first week.

William Witter vs. Edward Sellers, second week.

Monday afternoon the following Commonwealth cases were taken up: Commonwealth vs. Charles T. Crust, prosecutrix Annie Heaton—indicted for betrayal; defendant plead guilty and the usual sentence was imposed.

Commonwealth vs. Albert Allen, prosecutrix Annie Fogleman—indicted for betrayal; usual sentence was imposed.

Commonwealth vs. Harry Bowes, prosecutrix Ellen M. Bowes. This case is from Spring township, and the defendant was indicted on two indictments for assault and battery upon his wife.

The defendant plead guilty, threw himself upon the mercy of the Court, statement being made that he was under the influence of liquor at the time. The Court suspended sentence on the one indictment upon the payment of the costs; on the other indictment defendant was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1.00 and costs of prosecution.

Commonwealth vs. John Dulen, Jr., indicted for assault and battery; prosecutrix Davis Z. Frain. This case is from Marion township and grows out of an altercation between the prosecutor and the defendant. Verdict on Tuesday morning not guilty and costs divided between prosecutor and defendant.

E. F. Gardner vs. Paul Schwartz, being an appeal, and this action was brought to recover on a book account. Verdict on Tuesday afternoon in favor of the plaintiff of \$15.00.

Commonwealth vs. George Merryman, prosecutor O. P. Maguire, Manager of the Vulcan Trading Company at Retort. Indicted, first count, entering a store room with intent to commit a felony; second count, larceny; third count, receiving stolen goods, knowing the same to have been stolen. This case is from Rush township, and from the evidence it appears that the defendant broke into the store of the Vulcan Trading Company on the night of November 6, 1906, stealing some flour, ham, pair of gum boots and sausage valued about \$19.00. Verdict of guilty on the first two counts.

Commonwealth vs. Hugh Carson and George Walk, prosecutor O. P. Maguire, Manager of the Vulcan Trading Company at Retort. Indicted, first count, entering store room with intent to commit a felony; second count, larceny; third count, receiving stolen goods, knowing the same to have been stolen. From the evidence of the Commonwealth it appears that these two parties broke into the store of the Vulcan Trading Company at Retort on the night of March 2nd, and taking therefrom goods of the value of about \$120; on or about March 11th a search warrant was issued and the house of Carson and a man by the name of Peters searched in Clearfield county, and some of these goods found, whereupon the two above named defendants were arrested. Verdict guilty in manner and form as they stand indicted.

Commonwealth vs. Steve Berenti and Mary Berenti, prosecutor Andrew Stasik; indicted for cruelty to animals. This case is from Snow Sho township. On trial Wednesday morning. Verdict not guilty, but defendant to pay costs.

Commonwealth vs. John Henderson, Milton Henderson, Robert Orwick and Edward Orwick; prosecutor, H. A. Geyer—indicted for malicious mischief. This case is from Taylor township, and grows out of some trouble about removing fence or wire on the main road leading from the main road to Tyrone to Fowler station. Indictment quashed.

Commonwealth vs. Chester L. Neff prosecutrix Virginia E. Curtin—indicted for larceny as bawler. The defendant occupied the farm of the prosecutrix for the years, 1905 and 1906, removing therefrom in the spring of 1907, the charge of the prosecutrix is that the defendant had not given her share of the corn for the year of 1906 as provided for under the lease, which lease provided that the owner of the farm (this prosecutrix) should receive two-fifths of all the crops excepting the hay, of which she was to receive the one-half. Case on trial Wednesday noon.

## THE PRUNER ORPHANAGE.

At the meeting of the Bellefonte Council Monday night a communication was read from the Tyrone Council in regard to the E. J. Pruner Orphanage, which they had appointed a committee of three to consult with a similar committee from Bellefonte Council to take some action in regard to carrying out Col. Pruner's wishes. Henry Brown moved, seconded by Curt Wagner, that a committee of three be appointed to meet the committee from Tyrone Council. After much discussion it was decided for the whole council to meet the Tyrone committee at a special meeting of council. The date of the meeting was not fixed but the clerk was authorized to communicate with Tyrone.

It seems to be up to the Bellefonte Council to say what shall be done in the matter; and there should be no flinching from what is right. During the consideration of this matter the president of the council, Harry Keller, Esq., who is the paid attorney of certain heirs who want the boro to refuse this bequest, freely took part in the discussion, and even went so far as to advise, or inform, council that the ordinance passed by them accepting this bequest had been rescinded by council. Mr. Keller, as a councilman, represents the North Ward, and in that body should not mix up his professional duties with his obligation to the people who elected him. In the minds of many, when the Pruner Orphanage is under consideration in council, an employed attorney hostile to the project, should step out of the chair and remain silent.

The advice that the ordinance has been rescinded, is a statement that can not be maintained. We say that upon the written opinions of Hon John G. Love, and another by a former Boro Solicitor, also that of O. H. Hewitt, Esq., of Hollidaysburg, for citizens of Tyrone. At the last meeting of council, it is the duty of council to investigate this point—in fact urge Mr. Keller to prove his assertion so they may know where they are at. If Mr. Keller is correct council should know it, as that will enable them to act more intelligently on this question.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Gregg Post No. 95, G. A. R., have completed arrangements for the proper observance of Memorial Day on Thursday of next week.

Memorial services and decoration of soldiers graves in the cemeteries at Zion, Hubersburg and Snyderstown, will be in charge of comrades S. B. Miller, Charles Eckenroth and John H. Bryan.

On Sunday morning, May 26th, Rev. J. Allison Piatt will preach the memorial sermon to the members of Gregg Post in the Presbyterian church, a full turnout of members is urged. Spanish-American war veterans as well as the members of company B, are invited to attend these services. On Sunday afternoon appropriate services will be held at the Meyer and Shiloh cemeteries under the direction of comrades Amos Garbrick, A. V. Miller and Monroe Armor.

Thursday, May 30th, the annual Memorial services will be observed in the usual manner in Bellefonte. Parade will form in the public square at 1 p. m. in the following order: Co. B, Fire Company, North Allegheny, Logan Fire Co., Post 95, Undine Fire Co., P. O. S. of A. Parade will move promptly at 1:30 from the public square to High St. to Spring St., to Bishop St., to Howard St., and to the cemetery when the G. A. R. services will be performed, and after the decoration of the graves, the parade will reform and return to the public square and be dismissed, immediately after dismissal of the parade, the annual address by Rev. J. B. Stein will be delivered in the Court House, and the services of the day will be completed. The services in the Court House will be especially interesting, and all are earnestly invited to attend. Programs will be issued giving the particular features of the service.

He Knows.

The following is from a recent issue of the Middleburg, Pa., Post:—"The editor of the Post spent Thursday night of last week in Bellefonte and desires to thank both Editor Chas. R. Kurtz, of the Centre Democrat, and Editor Thomas H. Harter, of the Keystone Gazette, for fraternal courtesies extended. Bellefonte is the home of three Ex-Governors, one of the Pennsylvania Fish Hatcheries, and is reached by four different railroads. Editor Harter is enjoying the distinction of being Postmaster of Bellefonte at a salary of \$2400 a year, and Editor Kurtz has the distinction of having raised the circulation of the Democrat from several hundred to over 5000 copies a week, probably the largest circulation of any county newspaper in the state." Editor Wagonseller knows what he is talking about. The above statement was published after he had carefully inspected our mailing list and saw how many names are there.

## State College Commencement.

The State College Commencement will begin this year with a grand concert by the Musical Clubs in the auditorium on Saturday evening, June 8th. On Sunday, June 9th, the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Griffin W. Ball, D. D., of Scranton. Among the interesting events of Monday will be field and track meet with Western University, on Beaver Field, at 3 p. m. In the evening the Junior oratorical contest will take place; one of the special events on Tuesday at 11 a. m. will be the annual address before the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity by Edwin Erie Sparks, Ph. D., of the University of Chicago. The graduating exercises will take place Wednesday morning, when the commencement address will be made by Merrill E. Gates, Ph. D., L. D., of Washington, D. C. In the afternoon, at 2:30, baseball game with the Indians. Farewell reception in the evening.

The Alumnae of the Blanchard High school will reproduce the play, "Oak Farm," on Saturday evening, May the 25th, in the school house at Blanchard. Proceeds to be used in buying physical apparatus for the school.

## THE SAD DEATH OF ALFRED T. BRISBIN

Occurred at Santiago, Cuba, on Tuesday 21st.

## YOUNG MAN OF PROMISE

An Unfortunate Episode That Brought About an Untimely Death—Body Will Be Brought Home for Interment—Had a Brilliant Career.

The following dispatch appeared in the daily papers on Tuesday, relative to a young man of our town, who previously figured in a sensational affray at Santiago, Cuba. It is hard to obtain any details of the trouble or have the following report confirmed.

Washington, May 20.—The navy department today received a dispatch from Santiago, Cuba, stating that Ensign Alfred T. Brisbin, who was in difficulty with the police of Santiago about a fortnight ago in company with sailors from the Tacoma, had shot himself through the lung and was in a serious condition. Ensign Brisbin is in Santiago. The official investigation of the trouble with the Santiago police appears to have developed the fact that Brisbin was drinking with the sailors which would doubtless have resulted in his having been court-martialed. Brisbin entered the Annapolis naval academy from Pennsylvania in 1899 and graduated 1903. He was born in Chicago.

## DIED TUESDAY MORNING.

The following dispatch appeared in Wednesday's daily papers:

Washington, May 21.—The Navy Department today received a dispatch from Commander Tappan, of the cruiser Tacoma, saying that Ensign A. T. Brisbin, who shot himself Sunday, died at 11 o'clock this morning.

The dead ensign's friends resent the attacks made by the Cubans upon his character, and letters from Santiago show that out of the twelve Americans in the crowd at the time of the row with the Santiago police, ten were wounded. They did not use weapons and Brisbin's only offense, the letters point out, was his violation of the custom which does not permit officers to drink with sailors.

Ensign Brisbin's father was a colonel in the army and the family is well known in Philadelphia, where Brisbin's mother and sister are now living. Young Brisbin was raised in Bellefonte, Pa., making his home for several years with an uncle, Colonel J. L. Spangler. In 1899 Brisbin received his appointment to the Naval Academy from Pennsylvania and he entered the academy in May of that year. After graduation he went to China, returning on the Oregon in the fall of 1905. Later he was with the torpedo boat flotilla and last fall was sent to Cuba on the Newark. He had been on the Tacoma since January.

Upon the receipt of the first telegram Col. Spangler at once got in communication with the commander of the vessel, at Santiago. Tuesday morning the announcement of his death was wired to friends in Bellefonte, to whom it was a sad message, as the young ensign was a young man of high attainments, and with the promise of a brilliant future. The body will be brought here for interment the time of which will be announced later.

Ensign Alfred Terry Brisbin was 24 years old and was a son of the late General and Mrs. James Brisbin, who was a native of Centre county. He leaves to mourn his death two brothers and five sisters, namely: Winfield, John, Caroline, Margaret, Kathryn, Blanche, and Daisy; and was a nephew of Col. and Mrs. L. Spangler and Mrs. Rachel Harris in Bellefonte. His parents having died when he was a mere child, his home was with Mr. and Mrs. Spangler at this place.

## Flag Raising.

Recently a flag pole was erected in the central square in Boalsburg, and a new flag was raised. J. N. Dinges, a veteran of the Civil war, had charge of the work. Other comrades were present, as well as a goodly number of men, women and children. The flag was carried by three little girls dressed in white, who by means of ropes slowly raised it to the top of the pole. While the flag was ascending there was a gentle breeze, which caused it to wave and gave a lovely appearance. The three little girls represented the three churches in Boalsburg: Mabel Meyers, the Lutheran; Ethel Gieringer, the Reformed, and Edwina Wieland, the Presbyterian. During the raising of the flag a chorus of voices sang "America."

## Fell Dead.

Mrs. Kate Fitzgerald, of York, Pa. teacher in the primary department of Trinity Evangelical Sunday school, fell over dead at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon while dismissing her class. She had stooped to tie a bow on the neck of one of her little students, when she fell forward. Before falling she imparted a farewell kiss on the cheek of the little one, bidding it good-bye. Heart and kidney trouble caused her death.

## A Crime to Nab Bear Cubs.

When the last legislature passed the act placing protection on a closed season on bear no one believed that the provisions of the act would ever be put in force. Howard Bax, of Effort, this state was Wednesday fined \$100 and \$7.30 costs for capturing two cubs on April 13 on a tree on the mountains.

## Cow Breaks World's Milk Record.

Dolly Bloom, a Guernsey cow, has broken the world's milk record. Her owner has been made richer by 17,975.51 pounds of milk, or about 2,093 gallons, in the 12 months recently completed. The record is official.

## SPIRIT OF IMPROVEMENT.

Bellefonte seems to have caught the spirit of improvement, and all over town there is a tendency among our citizens toward beautifying their homes and surroundings. Out on Curtin street J. C. Meyer, W. B. Rankin and D. B. Newcomer have applied several coats of paint to their residences which changes their appearance for the better, so that a stranger coming to town would pick out their homes as residences of millionaires. Just across the street J. A. B. Miller is fixing his home up to Queen's taste by building new porches and painting the house. It is evident that James is making 'er good, and no young man in town better deserves, as he is the architect of his own good fortune, No pulling of wires made him. Just a short distance west of the Miller property Dr. Hayes is making a nice improvement by building a large brick house. "Doc" has money to burn, but instead of burning it he is going to put all the modern improvements in the new dwelling so that after he gets it finished it will be a very desirable place to live. Edward Richard, on Linn St., has made his home a perfect little palace which indicates that there is something doing out at White Rock. In front and alongside of his house he has laid a No. 1 flagstone pavement which is in harmony with the surroundings. Just across the street is the new home of Thomas Mitchell, Esq., "Tommy" fooled them from the fact that a dozen of persons looked at the burnt house and thought they would have an elephant on their hands. Mr. Mitchell saw a gold mine in ruins, and so just collared it. The result is that for a "song" he will have one of the nicest properties in town. It will contain every improvement and will be an ornament to that end of town.

E. C. Montgomery had the brick pavement on Lamb street, in the rear of his property, relaid which is a good thing, and some day the people on the hill will rise up and call him blessed. The old stable, in the rear of Joseph Montgomery property, has disappeared as by magic. Some day you will see a nice lawn take its place. Mr. Montgomery has also sodded the lawn in the front of his residence on Allegheny street, which adds greatly to the appearance of his cozy home. Anybody can see that the match business is on the boom. Adjoining the Episcopal church, on Lamb street, a new parish house is being built. The architect and contractor is Benjamin Bradley. It is going to be a novel building, built out of concrete blocks manufactured by the Haupt Bros. As it is something new, everybody who comes around has some suggestion to make which, if all of them would be considered they would have a building more wonderful than Solomon's temple. The blocks are being placed in position by Henry Wooster, Col. Reynolds and Mr. Richardson are keeping their eagle eyes on it so that when it is finished it will be O. K. The Reformed chapel is slowly being completed, and when it is we trust that the prayers offered there will rise higher than the roof. It is a very neat structure and well planned on the inside. James Harris is brightening up his residence on Spring street by the application of several coats of paint. "James" still wants to keep up with the band wagon in the line of improvements, and he gets there every time. Curtin Taylor, who lives on Water St., is getting to be one of our bloated bond holders, and like all of the others the more he gets the more he wants. To this end he is building a house in the rear of his present property in which to live, and then he will rent the part of the house he now occupies. He is a schemer and knows what side he is on. The house he is erecting will be very cozy, and he can live there like a king.

Adjoining his property William T. Speer has made some improvement by building a stone wall along the street. The people say, and they ought to know, the change is a good one, and adds a hundred per cent. to the property. Some of our contemporaries recently stated that Yeager Davis Swing Co. was going to build a three-story building next to their present operations on Willowbank St. It was nothing but the idle fancy of a dreamer as the building is but one story with a good basement. It is progressing very nicely and soon the carpenters will have the roof on. Work at the new Bellefonte Hospital has been on the standstill, but after it is definitely known what the appropriation will be things will boom again on the hill. If the present plans are carried to completion they will have room for about forty beds, besides furnishing a place for the matron and the nurses.

One of the coming property owners in Bellefonte is Ed. Harris. He is beginning to realize what a dollar is and every one gets he salts down in pickle. He learned that from Philip and Joe Beizer. The consequence is that before long he will be riding in an automobile, and when not riding he will be sitting on Easy St. He is now engaged in repairing the partially burned property on Valentine street formerly occupied by Mrs. Young. It will be all right when completed.

## Out His Throat.

Daniel Howard, a painter and paper hanger, who lives in the Dattl row, Bush's Addition, raised an excitement out in that community Saturday afternoon by attempting to take his life. For sometime he has been mentally deranged and at times he seemed perfectly rational while at other times he would become melancholy, caused from poor health. On this occasion he took a razor and cut an ugly gash in his throat. He was immediately taken to the hospital where by strenuous efforts his life was saved. He has a wife and four children.

## News Boys On Again.

The news boys are doing business on the Bald Eagle valley trains again. For a long time they were taken off for some purpose and the many passengers on this road certainly did miss the kids. A great many men going away on business like to have the latest morning news read on the trains and this is about the only way they can secure papers. The idea is all right.

## CLOSING EVENTS OF THE LEGISLATURE

The Elkin and Penrose Elements get In a Clash.

## SENSATIONAL FIGHT STARTS

Many Bills Slaughtered by Political Factions at the Close--Some Good Measures Passed--Large Appropriations for Various Charities.

## Special Correspondence.

The closing incidents of the legislative session made one fact clear. There must be a change in the legislative methods. This is not the dream of an idealist. It is a palpable and practical truth. During the last two days of the session bills were passed through both chambers, upon a roll call vote, when there was less than a quorum present. The constitution requires that every bill shall be read at length three times on three separate days and be voted for by a majority of all the members elected on final passage. It is a safe statement that no bill was read at length at any stage in either House during the recent session. In the Senate even the titles were not read on first reading or final passage. That this violation of the constitution was permitted is most alarming.

The measures enacted during the closing hours were involved in confusion, moreover. By design or accident hundreds of bills are left until the last few days and then are rushed through at a rate of speed which makes understanding absolutely impossible. Men vote on bills about which they have no knowledge. Sometimes the most vicious measures are voted for by men who only discover their errors after it is too late, for the courts have ruled that it is impossible to go behind the records and the records are always right. The machine clerks see to that.

During the session just closed this agency for evil was worked to the limit. Some committees were never called until within a few weeks of the close of the session and all bills which came from them were necessarily crowded into that overflowing deluge of legislation which was clogged and jostled at the end. Other committees practiced even more reprehensible methods. Take the Game and Fish Committee of the House, for example. It surreptitiously reported the bill imposing a dollar license tax on gunners and but for the vigilance and courage of Representative Derham of Union county, that iniquity might have been perpetrated as a result.

Later the same committee took advantage of the absence of the opponents of the same bill and had it reported out at a meeting which had been called clandestinely, one few minutes notice, on the blackboard.

## BETTER BUT STILL DISAPPOINTED.

The Legislature of 1907 was better than some of its predecessors, but it was disappointing, not-withstanding. It started out with great promise of improvement and ended in absolute failure of tangible reforms. From the beginning the majority was insincere. It would have been good if it had been obliged to. It had made preparations to legislate in the interest of reform if the Philadelphia municipal election made it necessary. But the people of Philadelphia gave the other tip. They instructed, not only their own representatives in the Legislature, but the faithful elsewhere, that the reform impulse had spent itself and there was no further reason for pretending.

And there was no further pretending either. From the moment of the re-assembling after the recess for the Spring election the machine asserted itself in behalf of bad legislation. The old ringsters took command at once and the advance order was sounded. The advisory notes from the Governor's office were somewhat disturbing but not actually dismaying. The two cent a mile fare bill was hamstrung and the trolley freight bill crippled in various ways. Creasy was able to save that measure from absolute destruction by a little parliamentary sharp practice which was justifiable. The bill as it was scheduled to pass left the carrying of freight to the option of the trolley companies. Everybody knows what would have been the result of that. The steam roads would have made it an advantage to the trolley companies to refuse freight and there would have been no remedy. Creasy's amendment declared trolley railroads "common carriers" and as such they are obliged to accept and transport freight.

The railroad commission bill was emasculated and would have been made worthless if the Governor hadn't protested. Even as it is, the commission will have little power other than to draw salaries. It may advise the Secretary of Internal Affairs to do some things and he can do as he likes afterwards. But the commission can enforce no order or recommendation. It is practically of no use at all except as an asylum for politicians who have grown too old to provide for themselves in any other way and it will be too expensive a luxury for that reason. The pensions might have been put to better use.

## BAD BLOOD AT CLOSE OF SESSION.

The close of the session developed a surprising flow of bad blood among the Republicans. Throughout the session there have been signs of friction between the two branches and nobody would have been surprised at an outbreak at any stage of the proceedings. Speaker McClain had three of four bills which were understood to be in the interest of former Secretary of the Commonwealth William W. Greist, of Lancaster, who is said to be the chief of the Justice Elkin faction. It is only just to say that a Speaker of the House ought not to have any bill in the Legislature. His power over legislation is great and the temptation to exercise it for revenge almost too much to resist.

## Delegates to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. convened this week at Reading. The representatives from the various lodges in Pennsylvania are as follows: Millheim—C. H. Stover; Spring Mills—J. Orris McCormick; Centre Hill—Joseph Lutz; Boalsburg—Clyde Wieland; Rebersburg—Forest Emerick; State College—Clark Herman; Pine Grove Mills—Christ Eby. The representatives to the Grand Assembly of Rebekahs to be held at the same time and place are: Centre Hill—Mrs. John H. Puff, Boalsburg—Gertrude Wieland, State College—Mrs. Graham.

## Soldiers and Sailors.

Headstones for the graves of old soldiers and sailors will be supplied free on application to quartermaster general of the United States army, at Washington, D. C., and sent to any address. Heretofore the headstones were furnished by the county commissioners, but the system was recently changed. The applications must be made only on the first days of January, July and October.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

## NOT UP TO CONTRACT.

We expect to see things growing in the spring.  
We expect to find flowers blowing in the spring.  
We expect to see good weather. Lambkins playing on the heather. A lot of joys together in the spring.  
We are somewhat disappointed in the spring.  
Something must have come unjoined with the spring.  
May to warm up is refusing. Nature is not much enthusing. And our confidence we're losing in the spring!

## Of two evils many choose both.

Farmers enact many harrowing scenes. Many a train is wrecked in a ball room, too.  
A kiss is as good as a smile—and then some.  
A good enemy is better than a bad friend.  
Uneasy is the tooth that wears a crown.  
Crooked paths also lead to straight-jackets.  
The first requisite of a good husband is a good wife.  
At times the way of the transgressor seems to be mighty easy.  
They say a sucker is born every minute; but it isn't his fault.  
The fellow with the largest feet naturally covers the most ground.  
Never play practical jokes on a man unless you are sure you can lick him.  
Lots of young girls know more than they ought to and not as much as they should.

## Occasionally a woman is kept so busy watching her neighbors that she lets her husband go by default.

Country youths sow wheat and raise corn, but some of their city cousins sow wild oats and raise Caig.

Death is a welcome relief to the man who is forced to hustle eighteen hours a day in order to keep the premiums on his life insurance policies paid up.

## PATIENT.

A criminal whose dread day of hanging had arrived was asked by the jailer if he had any last request to make.

"I have," said the condemned man, "and it is a very slight favor, indeed."

"Well, if it is a slight favor I can grant it. What is it?"

"I want a few peaches."

"Peaches?" exclaimed the jailer.

"Why, they won't be ripe for several months yet."

"Well said the condemned man, "that doesn't matter. I'll wait."

## CARELESSLY SPOKE.

Several ladies sat in their club a few evenings ago discussing the virtues of their husbands.

"Mr. Bingleth said one of them referring to her life partner, 'never drinks, and never swears—indeed, he has no bad habits.'"

"Does he ever smoke?" some one asked.

"Yes," he likes a cigar just after he has eaten a good meal. But I suppose on an average he doesn't smoke more than one a month."

## TOO LATE TO MEND.

An actor without funds managed in some way to get a second class ticket on a line of steamships running between Seattle and San Francisco. The voyage consumed the better part of three days, and in view of the fact that his finances were at low ebb, he solved the question in this way: The first day out he slept all day to keep from eating and remained up all night to keep from sleeping. The second day he took physical culture exercises.

On the third day he could not stand the strain any longer, and went down in the dining room and ordered the best meal on board the boat. While eating this meal he could see in his mind's eye a picture of a cell in the bastille in San Francisco.

After finishing his meal he said to the waiter, "How much do I owe you?"

"Nothing," replied the waiter, "your meals are included in your ticket."

## Crop Reports.

From our own observation we find that all through Nittanyvalley the prospect for a fine crop of wheat and clover is unusually promising. Apple trees are in blossom and show no signs of injury by the late frost. Cherries are likely to be a small crop, and peaches are on a decline from other causes than cold Spring. The same account holds good from all other valleys of Centre county, as per reports we receive from farmers. Corn planting has been belated by the wet and cold, and that planted some time ago has not yet sprouted, the weather not having favored it, but the seed in the ground is not affected by any rot and will show up with the setting in of milder weather so fitful for the corn after planting.

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